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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE  
Proceedings of July 27, 1970

MEMBERS PRESENT: Calvin Smith, Funk, Nichols, Downs, Whitlow, Palmer, Green, Lenihan, Gover, Elliott, Barford, Tingley, Whalin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lahey, Kluge

The Proceedings of July 20, 1970, were approved as published.

REPORTS:

A. The minutes of the July 16 meeting of the Council of Instructional Officers was received, and Mr. Lenihan pointed out that item 4, concerning courses for which "(final) exams must not be given" was taken up after he left the meeting, so that he had not reported on it last week. It was felt that this was another example of a rigid rule, where perhaps it might be better to leave some discretion to the professional judgment of the individual faculty member.

Mr. Whitlow moved that the Council of Instructional Officers be asked to reconsider its policy on the matter of courses for which no final examination may be given, and that either (1) all final examinations be optional, or (2) final examinations be optional for those courses which, according to the new policy, would never have final examinations. He was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Mr. Lenihan moved and Mr. Downs seconded a move to table the motion and to invite Vice President Moody to come to the first meeting in the fall to explain the policy to the Senate. The motion to table passed unanimously.

B. Mr. Whitlow reported that because of resignations of members from the Committee and the loss of other members who have left the University, there are several vacancies on the Council of Faculty Research to be filled. The Nominations Committee recommended that the following persons be named members of the Council: Stephen Whitley, Zoology; Walter Lazenby, English; Laurence Thorsen, Political Science; and James Krehbiel, Music. The Nominations Committee also recommended that Raymond Koch, History, be named as an alternate to the Council. The recommendations of the Nominations Committee were accepted unanimously.

It was the consensus that the President should be invited to come to a meeting of the Faculty Senate early next fall. It was felt that frequent meetings with the President would be helpful.

Tim Gover moved that the next meeting of the Faculty Senate be on September 14, 1970, at 12:00 noon, and that meetings be held weekly thereafter. He was seconded by Mr. Funk. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. A copy of a letter from the Provost to the Council of Administrative Officers concerning the Academic Calendar.
- B. A letter from Mr. Jon Hopkins concerning the meaning of "abstention" and "present". It was referred to the Parliamentarian, Mr. Lenihan.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Nichols moved that the Faculty Senate have a roll call vote when requested by at least three members as called for in Roberts' Rules of Order. He was seconded by Mr. Smith. It was felt that Senators already have this right as the Senate operates under Roberts' Rules of Order, but that it would be well to spell procedures out in detail. By consensus it was decided that Mr. Nichols will send a memo to Mr. Palmer, the Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, outlining his suggestion about roll call votes.

Mr. Gover inquired if the question of the selection of a new President was still pending. It was recalled that the matter had been deferred until the fall when it will be taken up.

OLD BUSINESS

The motion made by Mr. Smith last meeting was taken up. The motion was:

"Mr. Smith moved that by-law "d" under numeral 4 of section II be amended as follows. Proposed amendment: Replacement for members resigning from the Faculty Senate shall be decided on the basis of the most recent election results. The alternate receiving the most votes in the aforementioned election shall remain as a member of the Senate for the longest period opening during his tenure as alternate. Should an alternate come to the Senate for a one quarter replacement, for example, and a position should arise through resignation or death of another regularly elected Senator which brings about an opening of a more lengthy tenure, the person originally called to serve as the alternate shall move in to the position of longer tenure. The second alternate shall then serve the remainder of the time in the position left by the first alternate. Other cases in which the issue of replacement is not clear shall be decided by the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate."

Mr. Smith read the following statement in support of his amendment:

"Since the Faculty Senate is a representative body for the faculty as a whole it seems imperative that the largest number of faculty members should have their wishes met consistent with good government. In light of this, it would seem that the person garnering the most votes in an election would logically be the person whom the majority of voting faculty

would most like to see represent them for the most lengthy time. In the most recent election, five candidates were elected as required by the procedures governing the Faculty Senate Elections. The following votes were tabulated for the other candidates involved here: Mr. Funk 198, Mr. Nichols 193 and Mr. Barford 180. Yet, as the decision presently stands, Mr. Nichols is serving in place of Miss Read for the summer, will be replaced by Miss Read in the Fall and will again replace her when she goes on leave again in the winter and spring. Mr. Funk is serving in place of Mr. Hattabaugh who will return in one year. However, Mr. Barford, who received fewer votes than either Mr. Funk or Mr. Nichols, will replace Mr. Keiser for the two year balance of Mr. Keiser's term. This does not seem to be consistent with representative government. It would seem that the most consistent order would be for Mr. Funk to assume Mr. Keiser's remaining time, Mr. Nichols to serve in Mr. Hattabaugh's absence and Mr. Barford to serve in the vacancy left by Miss Read. "

Mr. Gover inquired if the motion was intended to be retroactive to determine the terms of Mr. Funk, Mr. Nichols, and Mr. Barford, and Mr. Smith said that that was the intention as Mr. Tingley had assured him when Mr. Smith agreed to defer action on the motion that it would determine the disposition of these three terms.

It was the consensus that the effect of the motions would only be temporary as the new By-Laws for the new Constitution would supersede all present procedures. It was also felt that action on this motion should not determine one way or another the By-Law concerning replacements, as no present procedures should necessarily determine the new By-Laws.

The motion was defeated with 3 ayes, 7 nays, and 1 abstention.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on Monday, September 14, at 12:00 noon.

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Edwin Whalin  
Secretary